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In re Patent Application of:

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Serial No. 09/986,771

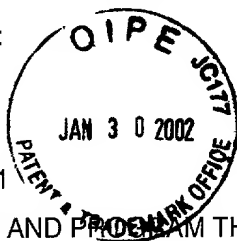
Filed: November 9, 2001

For: GAME MACHINE AND PROGRAM THEREFOR

Attention: Application Branch

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application:☒ Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application alone, OR☒ English translation of originally filed specification and drawings.☒ **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED** form.☒ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:**Application Number**

2001-93579

Country

Japan

Day/Month/Year Filed

28/03/2001

respectively.

☒ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____, filed _____.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee.☒ Also attached: ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement**; ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid**☒ **Sequence Submission**;☒ **Other**: Request for Correction of Filing Receipt**Fees due are calculated below:**

Basic filing fee

Total Effective claims 26 - 20 = 6 x \$ 18.00

Independent claims 7 - 3 = 4 x \$ 84.00

If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)

FILING FEE

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months; \$1440.00/4 months)

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Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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CERTIFICATE OF VERIFICATION

I, Shiro Ogasawara of c/o Ogasawara Patent Office, Daisan-Longev' Bldg., 5th Floor,
3-11, Enoki-cho, Suita-shi, Osaka 564-0053 Japan state that the attached document is a
true and complete translation to the best of my knowledge of US Patent Application filed
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Date this 14th day of December, 2001

Signature of translator: _____

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1000.**
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at

least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

- drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

Tony

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be changed.